

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Open Session Minutes

February 23, 2022
9:38 am - 10:12 am

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BOARD MISSION STATEMENT:

“To **protect** and enhance the health, safety, and well-being of District of Columbia residents by **promoting** evidence-based best practices in health regulation, high standards of quality care and implementing policies that **prevent** adverse events.”

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BOARD MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Andrea Anderson, MD (AA)	
William Strudwick, MD (WS)	
Jeffrey Smith, MD (JS)	
Archie Rich (AR)	ABSENT
Vikisha Fripp, MD (VF)	ABSENT
Christopher Raczynski, MD (CR)	ABSENT
Joelle Simpson, MD (JS2)	
Konrad Dawson, MD (KD)	ABSENT
Aeva Gaymon-Doomes, MD (AGD)	
Karen George, MD (KG)	
VACANT (Physician Member)	
VACANT (DC Health Designee)	
VACANT (Consumer Member)	
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BOARD STAFF:	
Arian Gibson, MS – Interim Associate Director	ABSENT
Aisha Nixon – Executive Director	
Lisa Robinson – Health Licensing Specialist	ABSENT
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	
Angela Braxton – Health Licensing Specialist	
Charles Annor – Health Licensing Specialist	
Kimberly Quickley – Health Licensing Specialist	
Gregory Scurlock – Compliance Officer	
Emilia Moran – Investigator	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
VISITORS:	
James Anilot, AMI	
Jawanda Barnett, Sibley Memorial Hospital	
Pia Duryea, MSDC	
Frank Meyers, JD, FSMB	
Teresa Walsh, DC Health	

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¹ The order in which the following agenda items are listed does not necessarily reflect the order in which the items were discussed during the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

OS-22-02-01	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u>	
ALL	A. BOARD MEMBERS B. BOARD STAFF C. GUESTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• James Anliot• Jawanda Barnett• Pia Duryea-MSDC• Frank Meyers, JD-FSMB• Teresa Walsh, MD	

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-22-02-02

BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT

ALL

A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT

The Board Chair, Dr. Andrea Anderson informed the Board about the Interprofessional Chairs’ Committee meeting. There were presentations from various members of DC Health and the committee spoke about strategic planning for collaborating and revamping the HORA.

B. INTERIM ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR’S REPORT.

No Report

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

i. COVID-19 Update

The Executive Director provided an update on the District’s response to COVID-19.

The Executive Director, Ms. Aisha Nixon provided an update on current mask mandates and vaccines. Highlighting the DC Mayor’s Situational Press Conference on 02/14/22, Ms. Nixon informed the Board that there has been a significant reduction in COVID cases since the Omicron wave. There is a 90% reduction in the overall number of individuals testing positive and a 95% reduction in hospitalization. She informed the Board that the District’s mask requirement will end on March 1st, 2022 however masks will still be required at any private business that require individuals to have the mask, schools, childcare facilities, libraries, public transportation and all government offices. She also informed the Board that the DC indoor vaccine requirement ended on 2/15/2022.

ii. Board Vacancies/MOTA Update

The Executive Director provided an update on current Board vacancies. Ms. Nixon welcomed Dr. Karen George, an Obstetrician-Gynecologist to the Board as a new member. The DC Board of Medicine is a 15-member board but is currently comprised of 10 member. There is 1 physician member vacancy, 3 consumer member vacancies, and 1 DC Health designee vacancy.

	<p>iii. Licensure Census The Executive Director provided the current census for Board of Medicine:</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>ACUPUNCTURIST</td><td>160</td></tr> <tr><td>ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT</td><td>106</td></tr> <tr><td>MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(A)</td><td>1188</td></tr> <tr><td>MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(B)</td><td>327</td></tr> <tr><td>MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE II</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>MEDICAL TRAINING REGISTRANT</td><td>997</td></tr> <tr><td>MEDICINE AND SURGERY</td><td>11401</td></tr> <tr><td>NATUROPATH PHYSICIAN</td><td>63</td></tr> <tr><td>OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY</td><td>547</td></tr> <tr><td>PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT</td><td>1043</td></tr> <tr><td>POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST</td><td>63</td></tr> <tr><td>POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TRAINEE</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>SURGICAL ASSISTANT</td><td>112</td></tr> <tr><td>CHINESE HERBOLOGY</td><td>4</td></tr> </table> <p>D. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT No Report</p>	ACUPUNCTURIST	160	ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT	106	MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(A)	1188	MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE I(B)	327	MEDICAL TRAINING LICENSE II	22	MEDICAL TRAINING REGISTRANT	997	MEDICINE AND SURGERY	11401	NATUROPATH PHYSICIAN	63	OSTEOPATHY AND SURGERY	547	PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	1043	POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN	2	POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST	63	POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TRAINEE	2	SURGICAL ASSISTANT	112	CHINESE HERBOLOGY	4	
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<p>OS-22-02-03</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the January 26, 2022 meeting.</p> <p>Background: The Open Session Minutes are a record of the Board’s past meeting(s), describing the events, list of attendees, a statement of the issues considered and related responses or decisions of the Board.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Jeffrey Smith to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. William Strudwick.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Smith, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Gaymon-Doomes, and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Karen George abstained. Motion passed.</p>																															
<p>OS-22-02-04</p>	<p><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></p>																															

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MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

OS-22-02-05	<u>CHARACTER REFERENCES FOR MTL/MTR</u>	AN
ALL	<p>Board Action: To determine if three-character references are required for MTL/MTR applicants.</p> <p>Background: Currently, three-character references are required by regulations for MD and DO applications. Section 4611.5 does not include character references as a requirement for MTLs or MTRs, however historically applicants have been asked to provide them.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. William Strudwick to remove the 3-character references requirement from the MTL/MTR applications. Seconded by Dr. Karen George.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Smith, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Gaymon-Doomes, Dr. George and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-22-02-06	<u>NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING- FYI</u>	SF
ALL	<p>Background: The NOEPR modifies sections 230 and 231 of Chapter 2 (Communicable and Reportable Diseases of Subtitle B (Public Health and Medicine) of Title 22 (Health) of the DCMR to require health care workers to be up to date on their COVID-19 vaccine, including boosters and annual vaccinations.</p> <p>No motion needed, for informational purposes only.</p>	
OS-22-02-07	<u>REQUEST FOR AFFILIATED MONITORS, INC (AMI)</u>	AN
ALL	<p>Board Action: To listen to a short presentation from AMI regarding their current services.</p> <p>Background: AMI provides a number of services to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practice-based monitoring• Record reviews• Oversight of prescription and dispensing practices• Billing and coding audits• Boundaries oversight• Clinical competence assessments• Return-to-Practice evaluations/oversight	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• System reviews and compliance programs• Tracking compliance with board orders and Medicaid fraud prosecution agreements. <p>Dr. James Anliot gave a presentation from AMI regarding their current services. No motion needed, for informational purposes only.</p>	
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MOTION TO CLOSE

OS-22-02-08

MOTION TO CLOSE

ALL

Board Action:

To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).

Background:

Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:

1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a);
2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);
3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);
4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(14).

Motion:

At 10:12 AM, motion was made by Dr. Jeffrey Smith to end open session and move into closed session. Seconded by Dr. Simpson.

Vote:

Dr. Strudwick, Dr. Smith, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Gaymon-Doomes, Dr. George and Dr. Anderson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-22-02-09

MOTION TO ADJOURN

ALL

Board Action:

To adjourn the meeting.

Background:

At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.

This motion was not made, as quorum was lost and the full meeting was not completed.

This ends the Open Session Minutes.

This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.